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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UN MISSION'S SECOND DAY

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS TODAY, AUGUST 9, AHTISAARI MET SEPARATELY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SWAPO, THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL FRONT, AND THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE. EACH GROUP SPENT APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR WITH THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.
 2. SWAPO'S INFORMATION SECRETARY, THLABANELO, REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE PARTY HAD ASKED FOR A REVIEW OF THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM. SWAPO, ACCORDING TO THLABANELO, FELT THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM WAS UNFAIR FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. PEOPLE HAD BEEN FORCED TO REGISTER AND SWAPO HAD PROOF THAT ALIENS WERE REGISTERING. THLABANELO ALSO SAID THAT
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SWAPO ACCEPTED THE ORIGINAL TIMETABLE WHICH RULED OUT AN ELECTION THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, HE CALLED FOR EARLY RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND PRISONERS HELD BY THE SAG.

3. THE NNF'S GENERAL SECRETARY BRYAN O'LINN, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HIS GROUP HAD DISCUSSED VOTER REGISTRATION, THE QUESTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DATE, THE REMOVAL OF

DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND PRACTICES, THE RETURN OF
POLITICAL PRISONERS AND EXILES, AND THE QUESTION OF THE
COMMUNICATONS MEDIA.

4. THE PRESS NOTED THAT SWAPO AND THE NNF DID NOT APPEAR
TO HAVE CALLED FOR AN OUTRIGHT SCRAPPING OF THE VOTER
REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

5. AHTISAARI, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, IS EXPECTED TO
SEE A DELEGATION FROM AKTUR TODAY AND POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES
OF SPLINTER GROUPS. DTA CHAIRMAN, DIRK MUDGE, WAS
QUOTED IN A PRESS INTERVIEW AS SAYING THAT HE BELIEVED
THAT INDEPENDENCE BEFORE DECEMBER 31 WAS IMPRACTICAL AT
THIS STAGE. BUT HE ASSERTED THAT "AT LEAST THE ELECTIONS
MUST TAKE PLACE BY THE END OF THE YEAR...THE PROCESS
WILL THEN HAVE REACHED A STAGE WHERE IT IS IRREVERSIBLE."
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